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DEBBIE  
REYNOLDS  
1932-2016

# Debbie & Carrie Always together

CARRIE FISHER  
1956-2016

Carrie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds, the Hollywood mother and daughter who died one day apart, shared a complicated relationship. Debbie, the old-school dancer, singer and comedienne who starred in *Singin' In The Rain*, and Carrie, the beautiful, talented ingénue and later writer who brought Princess Leia to life in *Stars Wars*, shared a partnership that was close, distant, loving, fractious and sometimes hilariously funny. Yet, in the end, they were a double act which not even death could keep apart.



"People used to call Carrie 'Debbie Reynolds' daughter,'" Debbie once said. "Now they call me 'Princess Leia's mother'."

Carrie, aged three, and Debbie in a playful moment at their home in Los Angeles in 1959.

"My mother would get up in the morning as my mother and then she'd go into this big closet she had," Carrie said in 2011. "She'd go in on this end as my mom and she'd come out the other end as Debbie Reynolds. It was like a car wash for celebrities."

Debbie and then husband, singer Eddie Fisher, with baby Carrie in 1956.



*"I believe my mother knows this now - that I take her advice, that I follow her example, that I respect who she is ... and if I'm like her in any way, then I'm happy that I am."* **CARRIE FISHER**



At Elizabeth Taylor's 75th birthday bash in Las Vegas, 2007.

"I think we've always been open and honest - that's why we didn't get along," Debbie said in 2010. "As a parent, you must give your opinion. And if that causes a breach, then it causes a breach. Carrie and I have disagreements and stalemates, but we still walk away loving each other."



Debbie and Carrie in 1972, five years before the *Star Wars* phenomenon.

"It's heartbreaking to watch someone you love struggle so," Debbie once said of Carrie's battle with bipolar disorder. "As a mother, I find the hardest thing for me is to love my daughter and not to intervene in her life. I want to do everything humanly possible to keep my girl out of pain, to pick her up when she's down. If I could, I would suffer for her."



A heartfelt tribute to the two much-loved actresses by a US illustrator, Norio Fujikawa.